

A Splendid Event

Benefit Featuring NPR's Lynne Rossetto Kasper Nets \$50,000

Hundreds of patrons attended an Oct. 24 benefit at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall featuring NPR's Lynne Rossetto Kasper, host of the popular "Splendid Table." Kasper captivated the audience of more than 300 people with her "Food, Stories and Lore from Italy's Countryside."

Tony Sinatra and Beth Tarasi hosted a dinner for Kasper and friends in their home the previous evening. The dinner and the event, sponsored by Duquesne Light, Dollar Bank, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mellon Financial Corporation and Reed Smith raised more than \$50,000 for the campaign to restore, renovate and revitalize the ACFL&MH.

Nearly 100 patrons attended a pre-program luncheon catered by Michael Lench in the ACFL&MH's lecture hall. The room was adorned with the beautiful woodturnings of Edric Florence, and dozens of paintings of Carnegie (primarily on loan from the 3rd Street Art Gallery's recent Carnegie Painted show). Spectacular fall foliage visible through the room's wall of windows made the Hall glow.

Following Kasper's program, everyone was invited to attend a dessert and coffee reception in the Library & Grand Hall. Attendees enjoyed delicious treats donated by Bethel Bakery, Chocolate Moose, Cookies Cousins, Eccentricities, Il Piccolo Forno, Michael Lench Catering, Moio's Italian Pastry, Starbucks Coffee Company, Collier Town Square, and Whole Foods Market.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and generous attendees who helped make the event such a success. And, heartfelt thanks to members of the Benefit Steering Committee for their hard work and support. Steering Committee members are: Dolores Smith Barber and Dr. John Barber, Jean and Sigo Falk, Barbara and Ted Frantz, Clare and Charlie Goetz, Rose and Dr. Michael Kutsenkow, Katie and Jim Leyland, Georgia and Bill Manby, Betsy Bell Martin, Diane and Ron Moehler, Molly Stockdale and Chris Ott, Beth Tarasi and Anthony Sinatra, and Judy and Tom Thompson.



Lynne Rossetto Kasper autographs books following her talk in the Music Hall.

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